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TRANSSHIPMENT POINT
LOI DONG, NORTH VIETNAM
2053N 10637E
[REDACTED]

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE LOI DONG TRANSSHIPMENT POINT [REDACTED] INTO
A MAJOR RIVER PORT IN NORTH VIETNAM.

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2. LOCATION:

THE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT IS LOCATED ONE NM SOUTHEAST
OF LOI DONG AND FOUR NM NORTHWEST OF HAI PHONG ON THE
CUA CAM (DISTRIBUTARY).

3. BACKGROUND:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] REVEALED NO EVIDENCE OF
A TRANSSHIPMENT FACILITY AT THIS LOCATION.

4. MISSION READOUTS:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] REVEALS
A NEW TRANSSHIPMENT FACILITY CONSISTING OF FOUR BREASTING
PLATFORMS. SEVEN PROBABLE POL BARGES (THREE NOT SHOWN ON
GRAPHIC) ARE LOCATED NEAR THE FACILITY. A RAIL SPUR IN
THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION EXTENDS FROM THE HA NOI/
HAI PHONG RAIL LINE TO THE VICINITY OF THE TWO WHARVES; AT
LEAST FOURTEEN BUILDINGS OF THE LOI DONG WAREHOUSE AREA

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[REDACTED] HAVE BEEN DISMANTLED TO MAKE WAY FOR THIS NEW RAIL SPUR. APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-THREE POL STORAGE TANKS ARE LOCATED NEAR THE OFFSHORE WHARVES ADJACENT TO ROUTE 5.

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REVEALS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSHIPMENT POINT. SIX BREASTING PLATFORMS ALONG THE WESTERN BANK OF THE CUA CAN ARE NOW RECEIVING RIVER BARGES WHICH ARE HAULING COAL AND SMALL CRATES OF SUPPLIES. TWO FLOATING CRANES ENGAGED IN OFFLOADING COAL ARE OBSERVED. A PROBABLE TRANSPORTER CRANE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE AREA, AND AT LEAST FIVE PROBABLE TRESTLE SUPPORTS AND FOUR PROBABLE TRESTLES CAN BE SEEN. OTHER OBJECTS OF INTEREST IN THE AREA INCLUDE, TWO MOBILE JIB CRANES, AT LEAST FOUR TRUCKS, SOME UNIDENTIFIED EQUIPMENT, AND PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS IN OPEN STORAGE.

A SPUR FROM THE HA NOI/HAI PHONG RAIL LINE LEADS INTO A FOUR-TRACK RAIL YARD (ONE TRACK UNDER CONSTRUCTION) ALONG THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE FACILITY, AND TWO SHORT SPUR LINES (ONE OF WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION) SERVE A COAL STORAGE AREA. THE AREA IS ROAD-SERVED BY ROUTE 5.

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THE TWENTY-FOUR BUILDINGS (TWO NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT ARE PART OF THE LOI DONG WAREHOUSE AREA. THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE AREA HAS BEEN PARTIALLY CLEARED FOR THE NEW TRANSSHIPMENT POINT.

5. REMARKS:

THIS PORT, WHEN COMPLETED, WILL PROBABLE RANK FIFTH IN TONNAGE CAPACITY IN NORTH VIETNAM. THE COMPLETED PORT WILL GIVE NORTH VIETNAM GREATER POTENTIAL FOR MOVING LIGHTERED MATERIALS INTO THE COUNTRY FROM DEEP DRAFT VESSELS IN THE EVENT OF CONGESTION AT HAI PHONG.



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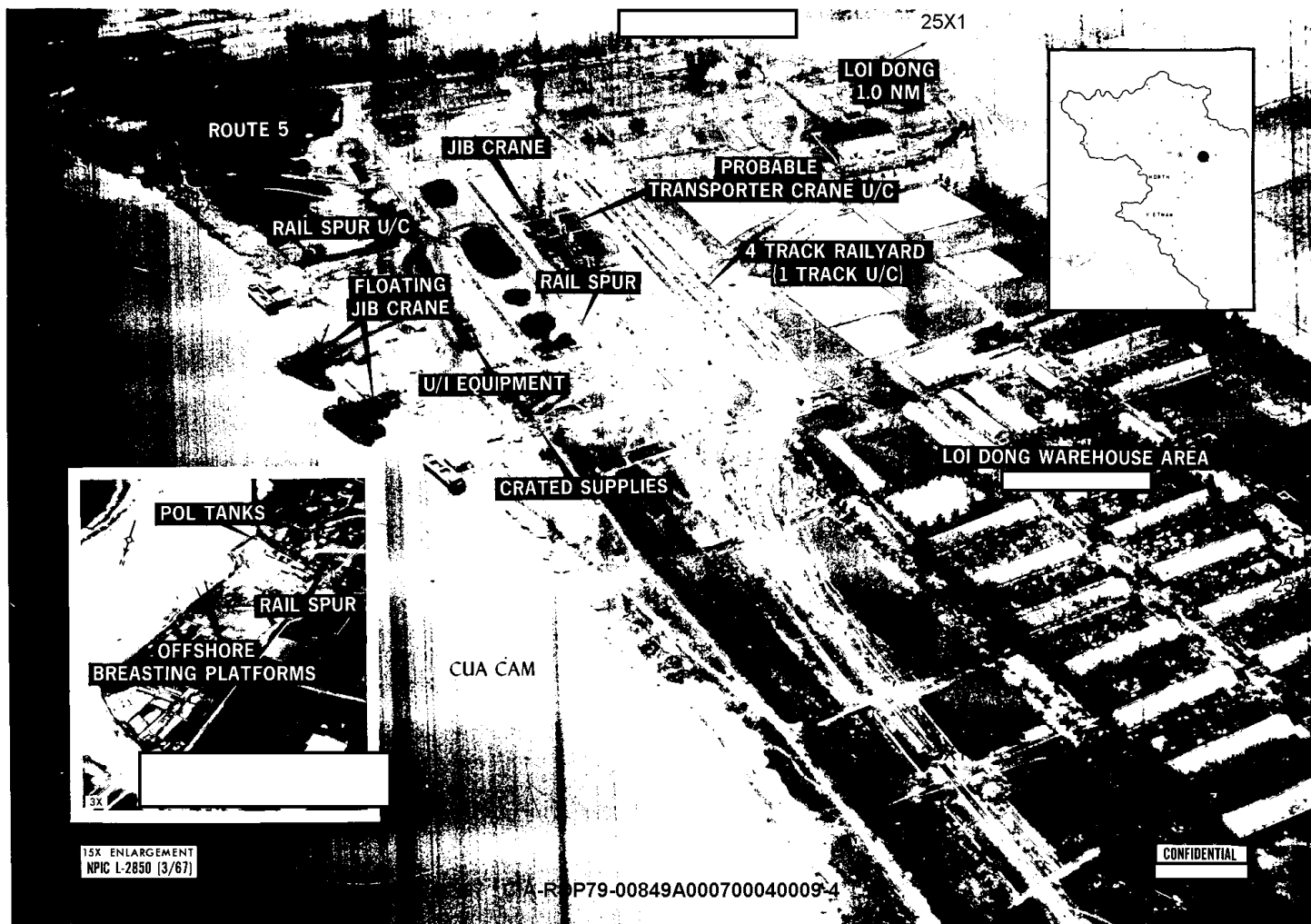
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